

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to in person interview of 10/20/05 and amendment of 10/24/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 110-125: now renumbered as 1-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 12/2/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other The drawings are acceptable.


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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in responding to the amendment filed 10/24/2005.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Scott Lloyd on 12/2/05.

In the claims:

- a. Replace claim 110 as follows:

Claim 110. Golf tee-time reservation apparatus for implementing seamless real time access concurrently to a plurality of disparate individual golf course reservation systems situated at different locations, at least some of which use different protocols, said apparatus comprising:

a plurality of user input modules distributed throughout a wide geographic area including at sites remote from one another, each user input module having an interface capable of sending one or more tee-time requests concurrently to said plurality of disparate individual golf course reservation systems; and

an interface module having a data link with each of said plurality of user input modules for concurrently receiving one or more tee-time requests to said plurality of disparate individual golf course reservation systems as real time transactions, said interface module having a data link connection with each of said plurality of disparate individual golf course reservation systems and being arranged to interface with each different protocol of said plurality of disparate individual golf course reservation systems to effect acceptance of one or more tee-time requests at the plurality of disparate individual golf course reservation systems to which said one or more tee-time requests are directed, and said interface module being arranged to concurrently process one or more tee-time requests sent from a single user input module to said plurality of disparate individual golf course reservation systems.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 110-125 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

5. As to claims 110-125, the prior art references as taught by (U.S. Pat. No. 5,781,892 to Hunt et al.; U.S. Pat. No. 5,833,451 to Flake et al.; U.S. Pat. No. 5,319,548 to Germain et al. and "Online tee times" to Arnold) do not teach or render obvious the limitations recited in claims 110-125, when taken in the context of the claims as a whole, specific to an interface module being arranged to concurrently process one or more tee-time requests sent from a single user input module to a

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plurality of disparate individual golf course reservation systems, as recited in the independent claim 110.

Moreover, evidence for modifying the prior art teachings by one of ordinary skill level in the art was not uncovered so as to result in the invention as recited in claims 110-125.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles E. Anya whose telephone number is (571) 272-3757. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Thomson can be reached on (571) 272-3718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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